

# 'The most agreeable servants of civilization'

#### BOOKSELLERS AND LIBRARIANS IN A CHANGING WORLD

A Joint Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Antiquarian Booksellers (ANZAAB) and the National Library of Australia

The conference, the first of its kind held in Australia, has gathered together an impressive group of speakers to explore in an informed and engaging way a variety of topics of particular interest to rare booksellers and special collections librarians. It aims to enable these professionals to approach their work with greater acumen and understanding, and will afford a valuable opportunity for delegates to meet others with similar problems and interests. While the conference is aimed primarily at those working with rare books, manuscripts and photographs, it also contains much of value to anyone with a passion for our paper-based heritage.

The full conference program can be found at www.anzaab.com

#### **Registration costs:**

Two days (including lunch and morning and afternoon tea) \$350

Single day (including lunch and morning and afternoon tea) \$190

Conference dinner (optional, Day 1) \$85 for conference registrants (\$125 for those not registered for the conference)

#### Please register by visiting

www.anzaab.com or www.nla.gov.au/event/6670

Inquiries: 2 02 6251 5191

or email books@AsiaBookroom.com

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# Day 1: Monday 19 May

#### **INTRODUCTION**

8.30am Registration

Brindabella Room, 4th Floor National Library of Australia

9.00am Welcome

Anne-Marie Schwirtlich

Director-General,

National Library of Australia Conference Room, 4th Floor National Library of Australia

9.05am Opening Address

Jörn Harbeck ANZAAB President

## **MORNING SESSION**

Appreciating the Magic of Books as Objects

**Chair and Presenter: Dr Shef Rogers** 

Department of English & Linguistics, University of Otago, New Zealand

**9.10am** Terms of the Trade: Definitions

and Examples

**9.40am** The Bones of Books: Anatomy

and Skeletons, Fingerprints and

Localisation

**10.10am** Sizing Things Up: Format

and the Origami of Imposition

10.40am Morning tea

11.00am Is It Complete? Collation

Formulae and the Calculus of Book

Construction

**11.30am** Judging a Book by its Cover:

Bindings and Provenance

**12.00pm** Where to From Here?

Questions and Further Study

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Printed Image – Aspects of Photography and the Book

Chair: Michael Treloar

Michael Treloar Antiquarian Booksellers, Adelaide

**1.30pm** Introduction

1.35pm The Woodburytype Photomechanical

Printing Process and its Use in Book

Illustration

Philip Jackson

Senior Librarian, Printed Australiana,

National Library of Australia

**2.00pm** Shooting Shooters: The Camera

in War

Robert Holden

Writer and curator

**2.45pm** Picturing the First Australians,

1847-1914

**Nicolas Peterson** 

Professor of Anthropology, Australian National University

**3.30pm** Afternoon tea

**4.00pm** Picture Propaganda:

The Idealisation of the Australian Landscape in the Photography of

John B. Eaton

**Warwick Reeder** 

Director, Reeder Fine Art; fine art valuer, collector and

photo-historian

**4.45pm** Something More than a Book of

Photos: Selected Australian Photobooks, 1900–2000

**Dr Douglas Spowart** *Independent researcher*,

photographer and self-publisher

**5.30pm** End of Session

# Monday 19 May: Optional Evening Activities

# People of the Book: Tales from the World of the Antiquarian Bookseller

Three highly experienced Australian antiquarian booksellers talk about their life in the trade:

Kay Craddock AM Anne McCormick OAM Nicholas Pounder

#### Chair: Amelia McKenzie

Assistant Director-General, Collections Management, National Library of Australia

#### 6.00-7.00pm

Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, National Library of Australia

Tickets: \$10

Bookings essential: www.nla.gov.au/bookings or **02 6262 1271** (Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm)

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#### Conference Dinner at Bookplate

**7.00pm** Bookplate Restaurant
Ground Floor, National Library
of Australia

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# Day 2: Tuesday 20 May

#### **MORNING SESSION 1**

Libraries and the Rare Book Trade

**Chair: Sally Burdon** 

Asia Bookroom, Canberra

**9.00am** Libraries and Rare Books:

Overseas Perspectives

**Tom Congalton** 

Between the Covers, New Jersey, and ILAB President, 2012–2014

Dan De Simone

Eric Weinmann Librarian, Folger Shakespeare Library,

Washington DC

(This session will be by Skype)

10.00am Secret Questions, or, Everything

Booksellers and Librarians Always Wanted to Know About Each Other

But Were Afraid to Ask

Panel discussion based on questions

on notice from conference delegates.

**Chair: Alex Philp** 

Director,

Overseas Collections Management,

National Library of Australia

**Panel: Richard Overell** 

Rare Books Librarian,

 $Monash\ University$ 

Jörn Harbeck

Harbeck Rare Books, Brisbane

**Paul Feain** 

Cornstalk Bookshop, Sydney

**Richard Neville** 

Mitchell Librarian,

State Library of NSW

10.40am Morning tea

#### **MORNING SESSION 2**

Behind the Scenes in the Book Trade

**Chair: Helen Cole** 

Senior Librarian, Coordinator, Australian Library of Art, Queensland Memory, State Library of Queensland

**11.10am** If the Day of the Scholar-Librarian

is Gone, How Can the Rare Book

Trade Help?

Michael Treloar

Michael Treloar Antiquarian

Booksellers, Adelaide

11.40am Bookseller Research – How Can It Be

Shared? A facilitated discussion

Chair: Helen Cole

Senior Librarian, Coordinator,

Australian Library of Art, Queensland Memory, State Library of Queensland

12.00pm Pop-Up Rare Book Fair

ANZAAB members will present a small selection of items from their stock. Conference delegates are invited to talk one-on-one with the dealers about the material they are

exhibiting.

**12.30pm** Lunch (Brindabella Room)

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION 1**

Library Collections Revealed

Chair: Jörn Harbeck ANZAAB President

**1.30pm** Longevity is No Secret: How to

Care for Rare Materials

**Denyl Cloughley** 

Acting Manager, Preservation Team,

National Library of Australia (including Q&A session)

**2.15pm** Our Favourite Things

National Library curators present some of their favourite objects from the pictures, maps, manuscript and

rare book collections.

3.00pm Closing Remarks

Jörn Harbeck

**3.05pm** Afternoon tea

**3.30pm** National Library Tours

Delegates will divide into groups to tour the Library's reading rooms and collection areas, visiting Pictures and Manuscripts, Maps, Preservation

Laboratory, Digitisation and Photography, and the Asian Collections Reading Room.

**4.30pm** Close of program

#### Tuesday 20 May: Optional Evening Activity

#### Two Sides of the Bibliographic Coin

Nicolas Barker and John Baxter are international luminaries in the world of rare books. Nicolas has written or edited over 20 books on typography, calligraphy, art history and the history of books and libraries, among them the revised ABC for Book Collectors. John, author of A Pound of Paper: Confessions of a Book Addict, is a novelist, broadcaster and acclaimed film critic who has had a lifelong obsession with books. Nicolas and John will share their tales of quests and conquests in their unrelenting hunt for books around the world.

#### Chair: Kay Craddock AM

Kay Craddock - Antiquarian Bookseller, Melbourne

**6.00pm** Theatre, Lower Ground Floor National Library of Australia

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